

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The drawings are amended herewith, as requested. The first full paragraph of page 17 of the specification is amended herewith to incorporate the previously missing reference numeral 222 therein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings and specification are, therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7, 9-34, 36, 38 and 4-58 were rejected under 35 USC 21102(b) as being anticipated by Wright, US patent 3,645,531. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested, for the following reasons.

The Office Action indicates that Wright discloses "a library of selectably accessible video sequences, the library including a plurality of activity sets." It is respectfully submitted that Wright does not disclose "a plurality of activity sets" each associated with a different activity, as claimed. Wright also does not teach or suggest any player interaction means configured to allow a player to select an activity associated with one of the plurality of activity sets, as claimed. Instead, Wright discloses only a betting apparatus having an endless loop or a spooled film. As shown in Fig. 7, the disclosed endless loop or single film loop 16 includes four subframes, each of which is associated with horse racing. In Wright, each subframe 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the loop 16 is associated with a different randomly selected winning horse. Wright does not disclose or suggest any functionality or structure that would enable a player (a punter, to use Wright's terminology) to choose one of a plurality of activities. For example, Wright does not enable the player to choose between horse, dog, powerboat or skiing races, as do the claimed inventions. Instead, the apparatus disclosed in Wright is limited to a single activity, there being no provision to enable a player to choose from among a plurality of mutually different activities and to place a wager on a random outcome of the selected activity, as claimed herein. Wright allows for the

disclosed apparatus to be configured to operate with a film loop 16 of a different activity than horse racing, as noted in Col. 6, lines 41-46. Note, however, the use of the alternative:

"In alternative embodiments of the machine 10 films of races other than horse races may be shown, for example, motor races or dog races and instead of cartoon films suitably edited films of actual races may be screened. Any size of film may be used or alternatively videotape may be used"

Therefore, Wright's apparatus is a one-activity machine - either it's a horseracing machine or it's a motor racing machine, for example.

Moreover, Wright's apparatus is also a one film sequence per randomly selected winner machine, as developed further below. Claim 1, as presently amended recites:

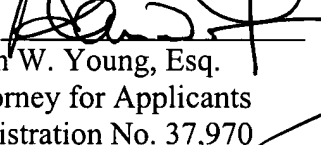
"a library selectably accessible video sequences, the library including a plurality of activity sets, each activity set of the plurality of activity sets being associated with a different activity, each activity set including a plurality of sequentially numbered subsets, each numbered subset including a plurality of like numbered video sequences drawn to the associated activity;"

Wright does not disclose such a library. Indeed, Wright, as discussed above, discloses a single activity, and discloses that the film loop only includes a single outcome subframe (18, 19, 20 or 21) for each randomly chosen winning horse. Therefore, although the player might not be able to guess which horse (or car, etc.) will be randomly chosen as the winner, he or she knows that the same film sequence will be displayed for each winning horse, each time that horse is selected as the winner. Indeed, according to Wright, subframe 20 is shown each time Horse 3 is randomly chosen as the winner of the race. According to the invention, each activity set includes a plurality of sequentially numbered subsets, each numbered subset including a plurality of like numbered video sequences drawn to the associated activity. For example, according to the claimed invention and as shown in Fig. 1, the auto racing activity set includes N sequentially numbered subsets 104₁ to 104_N, each of the numbered subsets including a plurality of video sequences. For example, numbered subset 104₃ has a plurality of like numbered videos drawn to

Auto 3 winning the race. Therefore, there might be 25 different video sequences (the claimed plurality) of Auto 3 winning a race. In contrast, subframe 20 of film loop 16 always shows the same film sequence of Horse 3 (see table in Column 2, lines 43, 44) winning the race. Each of the independent claims has been amended so as to render this distinction clear. As the Wright reference does not teach or suggest providing a plurality of activity sets, enabling the player to select one of the plurality of activity sets and/or selecting and showing the player one from among a plurality of video sequences of the selected activity, the Wright reference cannot anticipate or render the claimed invention obvious.

The applicant, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and a timely passage to issue of the present application. Should Examiner Jones have any remaining questions, he has but to call the undersigned, and whatever is needed will be done at once.

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